ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CATHOLIC BLIND INSTITUTE AND ST. VINCENT'S SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND PARTIALLY SIGHTED

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Annual Report and Statement of Accounts

1961-1962

of the Catholic Blind Institute and St. Vincent's School for the Blind and Partially Sighted, Liverpool (Founded 1841). The only Catholic Blind Institute and School in England and Wales. (Approved by the Ministry of Education under the Handicapped Pupils and School Health Service Regulations 1953, Section 33-69 and 100 of the Education Act 1944)

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Yes—but he is on his way from St. Vincent's School for the Blind to the Cardinal Allen school for sighted children.

(see article on page 6)

CATHOLIC BLIND INSTITUTE AND ST. VINCENT'S SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND PARTIALLY SIGHTED

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF THE ARCHBISHOP OF WESTMINSTER AND THE HIERARCHY OF ENGLAND AND WALES

FOUNDED 1841

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1961-1962

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Ophthalmic Surgeon: Mr. P. J. Devlin, M.B., Ch.B., D.O.M.S.

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VOCATION TRAINING DEPARTMENT (CATHOLIC BLIND INSTITUTE)

TECHNICAL STAFF:

Sister Vincent ... Qualified Teacher, Hons. Diploma of College of Teachers: Craft Instructor, Round and Flat Machines-Knitting Department.

Laurence Doyle Qualified Teacher, Hons. Diploma of College of Teachers; Craft Instructor—Mat Department.

Sydney Wilson, L.R.A.M. Pianoforte.

Sister Columba ... State Registered Nurse.

ST. VINCENT'S SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND PARTIALLY SIGHTED

SCHOOL STAFF:

Headmistress; Qualified Teacher; Hons. Diploma of College of Teachers of the Sister Aloysius Blind; Manchester University Diploma,

Teachers of the Deaf.

Deputy Head Mistress; Qualified Teacher; Hons. Diploma College of Teachers of the Blind; Sister Clare

Educational Counsellor for Grammar School

Children.

BLIND DEPT.

Mr. G. Spears . . Qualified Teacher (Form V.) Mr. L. Allen Qualified Teacher (Form IV.)

Mrs. H. Blackburne Qualified Teacher; Hons, Diploma College of Teachers of the Blind (Form IIIA.)

Mr. W. Fitzsimons, B.A. Qualified Teacher (Form III). Miss P. Kennedy, B.A. .. Oualified Teacher (Form I).

Sister Rosalie Qualified Teacher; Hons. Diploma College of Teachers of the Blind (Infants).

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Mr. M. Fraser, B.Com. . . Qualified Teacher (Senior I). Mrs. M. Molyneux Qualified Tcaeher (Scnior II).

Sister Mary Thaddeus Qualified Teacher; Diploma Teachers of the Blind - Birmingham University (Junior III).

Miss Ward Oualified Teacher (Infants).

Miss A. Hill Qualified Teacher (Junior II.)

Mrs. M. Pope, P.E. Mistress. Qualified Teacher; Hons. Diploma College of Teachers of the Blind

Miss S. Connor, LL.C.M. ... Qualified Teacher of Music (Pianoforte).

Mrs. Evans, L.R.A.M. Oualified Teacher of Singing and Musical

Appreciation.

Mrs. D. Wilson, City and

Guilds Diploma Housecraft.

Sister Louise, R.N.M.D. . . School Nurse.

Mrs. M. Doran ... Sehool Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT

The Committee are pleased to submit their Annual Report for the year 1961-62.

RESIDENTS AND PUPILS

The Institute now accommodates 19 men and 46 women residents. There are four female trainees and one male.

At St. Vincent's School there are 121 children, 39 blind boys and 25 girls; 35 partially sighted boys and 22 girls.

MAJOR SCHEMES

The Committee and School Staff have devoted most of their energies during the year to two great projects, namely the completion of the building scheme mentioned in earlier reports and their adventurous experiment of entering certain selected children into sighted Grammar Schools for secondary education.

The Gymnasium was completed in March and is now in use. Many ideas conceived during her visit to America have been incorporated by the Headmistress and much care and thought have been given to the layout so that the children will derive maximum benefit from the apparatus. Indoor roller skating has been inaugurated, and we are much indebted to Mr. L. Taylor, whose generosity has provided the initial skates and boots. A further six have since been given by Sister Superior. A record player has been installed for skating and dancing, with four loudspeakers synchronised to give directional guidance to the blind children. We are very grateful to the Variety Club of Great Britain who provided cycling and rowing machines which make possible much needed exercises for children prevented from other normal gymnastic activities on account of their visual defect.

You will see on pages 20 and 21 photos of the use to which the Gym is now being put.

The extension to the boys' dormitory was ready at the beginning of the Summer term, and this will relieve over-crowding. Owing to unfortunate delays, the practical block, class rooms and senior girls' unit will not be ready until July, 1962, but by Christmas the whole scheme should be in full use and the re-organisation of existing accommodation be completed.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL PUPILS

The scheme of integrating those of our children who are emotionally and aeademically suitable into the Cardinal Allen Grammar School and Broughton Hall High School for Girls is probably the most exciting venture we have launched. Our first boy entered in 1961 and the first girl enters in 1962.

By kind permission of the Editor of "The New Beacon" we print the following article which appeared in the February Issue.

"St. Vincent's School for the Blind and Partially Sighted is situated on the outskirts of Liverpool. It is an independent special school operated by the Sisters of Charity with a combined religious and lay teaching staff. The school, the only such in England, is divided into two quite separate departments, the blind department of 61 children in six classes, where the education is based on braille and tactile systems, and the sighted department of 59 children in five classes, where the teaching is based on large print and visual aids. Both departments cater for all ages, but owing to the very small numbers who would be eligible, there are no facilities for higher secondary education. It is also the only Roman Catholic school in England providing education for the blind. Therefore, the children come from all over the country and even from Northern Ireland and abroad.

Some years ago the Sisters of Mercy established in the adjoining property a grammar school for girls. Then, three years ago, next door but one, the Archdiocese of Liverpool founded the Cardinal Allen Grammar School for boys, which is rapidly establishing itself as one of the leading Catholic boys' grammar schools in Liverpool. The former has 600 pupils, and the latter will take 750 when complete.

The proximity of these two grammar schools, with their excellent facilities for higher education, gave rise to thought amongst the governors and staff of St. Vincent's: why should they not try to use these facilities which lay so near at hand and so readily available? This would enable such of their children as would be capable to complete their grammar school education in Catholic schools. As is well known, the education of Catholic children in their own schools is for Catholics a fundamental policy but quite apart from denominational reasons, it was felt that other great advantages would accrue. It would enable the child to enter into and adapt itself to the sighted community much earlier than hitherto, namely at school leaving age or later. Also benefit would be obtained from the academically highly trained teaching staffs, facilities and cultural activities which are available in grammar schools providing for very large numbers of pupils.

Vincent Sherlock, our first blind pupil to attend a sighted grammar school.



Each morning Vincent walks from St. Vincent's to his grammar school.



Vincent (with ball) enjoys the morning break with his sighted fellow pupils.



With his teacher in class.

True, such a method had never been attempted in England before with the requisite preparation and forethought, but America provided the example. There, under the Resource Teacher or Education Counsellor system, in some states all blind children receive their education in sighted schools, though in the majority this system is limited to children selected for higher education. In the latter case, the child, after being selected as being both temperamentally and academically suitable, is based on its residential or day blind college and goes out daily to the sighted high school. Before entering, and during the child's first years at the sighted school, the resource teacher, a fully trained teacher of the blind, acts as the link between the two schools: he or she prepares the child for entry, sees that the child is a thoroughly competent typist, that the necessary books are available either on tape or transcribed into braille, assists the teachers in the sighted school with the initial problems of receiving a blind child into the class, and acts generally as guide, philosopher and friend to the blind child during its early years, until eventually the resource teacher becomes redundant and the child is thoroughly integrated in its sighted school. Physical education, however, which provides some difficulty, is normally taken in the blind school.

The governors of St. Vincent's were impressed with this idea and, after obtaining generous grants from the Leverhulme Trust and the Liverpool Council of Education, immediately prepared for a four week visit by the Headmistress, Sister Aloysius, and her Deputy, Sister Clare, to America to study this system in operation. As the result of careful early planning a most rewarding itinerary was arranged. On arrival, the officials of the American Foundation for the Blind and the various officials in the state education departments for the blind and those running the various blind centres visited gave unstintingly of their time and experience to show the English visitors what they wanted. They saw the operation of the resource teacher system in the state of New Jersey, where there are no blind schools; they saw it operating at Louisville, Baltimore, Hartford, Boston and New York, where it is run in the modified form mentioned above. They were able to speak to the teachers in both the blind and sighted schools, the children and the parents in their homes. All were enthusiastic supporters of the scheme. It was of great interest to learn from the sighted school heads and teaching staff that although the introduction of the first child was accepted sometimes only under pressure, once the child was in the school all asked for more, the reason being that they found the presence of a handicapped child brought out such latent potentialities for good in the sighted children, and that the actual practical problems proved so easily surmountable.

As a result of these reports from the Headmistress, the matter was immediately taken up with the Ministry of Education, whose

approval was received to introduce the system. Then enthusiastic support was gained from the Liverpool Director of Education, in whose area St. Vincent's is situated, and of the Directors of Education of those areas responsible for the first children earmarked for the scheme. Financial agreement as to sharing of the costs and practical arrangements for entry into the two grammar schools (both voluntary aided schools) were made without difficulty. In the meantime, the Headmaster of the Cardinal Allen Grammar School was approached, and there too the suggestion was received with enthusiasm and every possible help, the like co-operation being received from the Broughton Hall High School staff.

The Deputy Headmistress, who had been to America, has been appointed as the first resource teacher. The first boy, already a fully competent typist and, of course, braillist, went to the Cardinal Allen School in September 1961, after careful planning and due provision by tape and transcription of his text books. This was preceded by constant liaison between the resource teacher and the Grammar School Headmaster and teachers in the preliminary stages, and reports to date of his progress are very favourable, while he himself is completely confident and happy in his new environment. Other children are being "groomed" for entry into the same schools. They are now completing their typing course, becoming familiar with the tape recorder, and accustomed to the idea of attending sighted schools.

Of course, as previously stressed, the children have for this type of education to be not only educationally but also temperamentally and emotionally suitable, so that it is in no way intended as a substitute for but as an addition to the grammar school facilities already available for the blind in their own colleges. It is still in this country in its earliest experimental stage, and will be watched with the greatest interest not only by those participating, but, it is felt, by all who are interested in progressive education for the blind. For this reason a further article will be written in the light of the first year's experience on the detailed operation of the scheme."

Our grateful thanks are given to the Libraries, transcribers and readers who provide the braille book and recorded tapes without

which this experiment would be quite impossible.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. P. J. DEVLIN

The sudden death of our Ophthalmologist, Mr. P. J. Devlin, was a great loss to the School and the Institute. He was appointed in 1943 and had given nearly 20 years of most devoted and conscientious service to both the children and residents. No trouble was too great and no time was too inconvenient. He made a great contribution to assisting in our many ophthalmic and allied educational problems and will be greatly missed by all.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS AND DONORS

We regretted to hear during the past year of the deaths of several of our donors and the illnesses of others. To their relatives we send our sympathies. Masses are offered for all our deceased benefactors and the sick have been especially remembered in the prayers of the Sisters and the children.

Despite the pay pause and credit squeeze our donors have been very constant and we have also had gifts from many new donors. We do hope they will continue to remember us.

More Deeds of Covenant have been entered into, and we hope many other donors who are paying tax at the standard rate will give this matter a thought, as a 7 year Deed of Covenant makes the gift of so much more value to the Institute at no further cost to the donor.

We thank all our donors most warmly for their wonderful support, and would like especially to thank the old age pensioners who remain so faithful and out of a little have given "the widow's mite."

The blind children send their especial thanks to all the School children who have again given so generously and we do ask them to remember that this is the only Catholic School for the Blind in England and Wales, and to make a very special effort to help pay for our new buildings.



The Residents'
Trio in action
at an evening
Social.

I. CATHOLIC BLIND INSTITUTE

During the year the Residents have visited the Theatre on several occasions and enjoyed "The Pirates of Penzanee". "Ruddigore", and "Trial and Error". At home they never tire of listening to the Oratorios and Gilbert and Sullivan played on their Radiogram. They also greatly enjoyed St. Francis Xavier's College Pantomime "The Sleeping Beauty" and at this the music was played by their own Trio who continue to keep busy playing for Socials at the Institute and in various Parishes.

Music and Reading play the greatest part in the lives of the adult Blind. One of our Residents, Miss Ivy Whittaker, won the first prize in the National Braille Reading Competition held in Manehester in May last year. For an hour every morning a Sister reads to them and they all look forward to this. The residents are usually represented at this Competition, and in the Adult Section we congratulate Eileen Carpenter who won the Blanesborough Cup this year. Those who can read Braille spend many happy hours in this way, and by reading aloud give pleasure to their fellow Residents.

Outings to the Summer House in the School grounds, where tea is served on the lawn and where they are able to listen to the birds, are always enjoyed. Some of the ladies pay a visit to the farm, while others go out to buy iees at the nearby sweet shop. All feel much better for these hours in the fresh air.

Every afternoon a number of men and women residents attend the handieraft elass for basketry, mats, rugs and making mop heads under the supervision of Sister Vincent. This occupational venture has been a great boon.



Residents'
Outing at
Abersoch.

A day to be remembered in the lives of eleven members of the women's choir at the Institute was a visit to Abersoch, N. Wales, in May at the invitation of two of our donors who live there. Two Sisters, the Appeals Secretary and another member of the staff accompanied them. The house is delightfully situated a minute or two from the beach, and the blind were able to enjoy the tang of the sea and country air for some hours. As soon as they arrived at the house the blind were given a great welcome by their hostesses, after a happy tea, a visit was made to the little stone Catholic Church and the party returned late in the day from what was described as a "story book" outing.

II. VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS

The number of trainees has further decreased to one boy and four girls following the national trend as more and more blind and partially sighted school leavers find their way into open industry and other forms of employment in the sighted community. The report of the Working Party on the future of blind workshops is therefore keenly awaited. Meanwhile our workshops for knitwear, basketry and mats continue their excellent work and orders for goods will be welcome.

III.—ST. VINCENT'S SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND
AND PARTIALLY SIGHTED

School	Numbers
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			Total			Total	
Year	Boys	Girls	Blind	Boys	Girls	Partially Sighted	Total
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1954	16	22	38	22	18	40	78
1955	22	29	51	28	19	47	98
1956	22	25	47	32	23	55	102
1957	26	23	49	39	22	61	110
1958	27	27	54	39	25	64	118
1959	32	26	58	38	25	63	121
1960	35	25	60	38	27	65	125
1961	39	22	61	36	24	60	121
1962	39	25	64	35	22	47	121

Use of Records in the School

The school Record Library is growing rapidly, and its use is extending throughout the school. Amongst our Senior classes, recorded versions of Shakespeare's plays, poetry readings and religious instructions, have been in use for some time. Now a wide variety of records is available for Junior classes also to arouse the younger child's interest, and appeal to his zest for new experiences.,

The very varied nature of our record collection enables us to use our records in an increasing number of subjects. They are used during Singing periods for musical appreciation. Tehaikovsky's Nuteracker Suite, and the Polovtsian Danees from Prince Igor have been played for this purpose to Junior classes.

Even in Arithmetic, records play their part. A musical version of the multiplication tables is in use to capture the children's interest in the routine work of learning. Then, in Poetry lessons a famous actress's recording of the "Pied Piper of Hamelin", was received with enthusiasm by a Junior class, who were studying and dramatizing the poem themselves.

Very popular among all the Juniors are our recently acquired "Atlas Tale Spinners", a series of long-playing records of children's stories. They include such favourites as "Snow White", "Beauty and the Beast" and "Cinderella". Each record is complete with an illustrated booklet containing the whole script, so that all or part of each story can be adapted for dramatization by our children.

SCHOOL NEWS

Confirmation

On the 16th of November it was a great day for 59 of the ehildren when the Arehbishop of Liverpool Dr. J. C. Heenan earne to give them confirmation. With their sponsors the Chapel was filled and



His Grace the Archbishop of Liverpool after confirming 59 of the Children.

His Grace expressed great delight at their prompt, unselfconscious and accurate answers to his preliminary questions on catholic dogma.

Teaching Staff

Sister Clare attended the North of England Tape-Recording Course at Manchester University during the year. Full knowledge of this type of equipment is necessary in her capacity as Education Counsellor for our children attending the sighted Grammar Schools. Much of their work, both as regards reference books and classwork, involves fully competent use of the Tape-Recorder.

At Easter Mr. Fraser was invited by the Irish Ophthalmological Society to read a paper on "The Teaching of Partially-Sighted Children" at their Annual General Meeting in Dublin. Mr. Fraser had prepared a most excellent paper, on which he was highly congratulated.

School Chaplain

After four years of splendid work particularly with the senior boys, Mgr. C. Jackson has left the chaplaincy and in his place we welcome the Rev. Alec Jones.

Playing Fields

During the year a further considerable extension has been made to the very successful existing playing field. As a result the junior boys are able to enjoy their own playing fields and the space available for the various games pitches has become much more flexible.

School Houses

The inter-house Conduct Cup was won by De Paul House, House Shield for Studies was won by Marillac House, and the House Shield for Sports was won by Laboure House.

Examinations

Kathryn Harrington was awarded the Holmes Memorial Cup for children under nine years at the London National Braille Reading Competition. Her report stated: "Very good and flawless in prose; also characterized the passage. Poem equally good both in expression and accuracy". We congratulate her and you will see on page 15 a photograph of her receiving the cup.

Monica Oyarzun was awarded the second prize in the Mid-Junior Class for children between the ages of nine and twelve years.



Kathryn Harrington receiving the Holmes Memorial Cup from the Marquis of Normanby, at London.

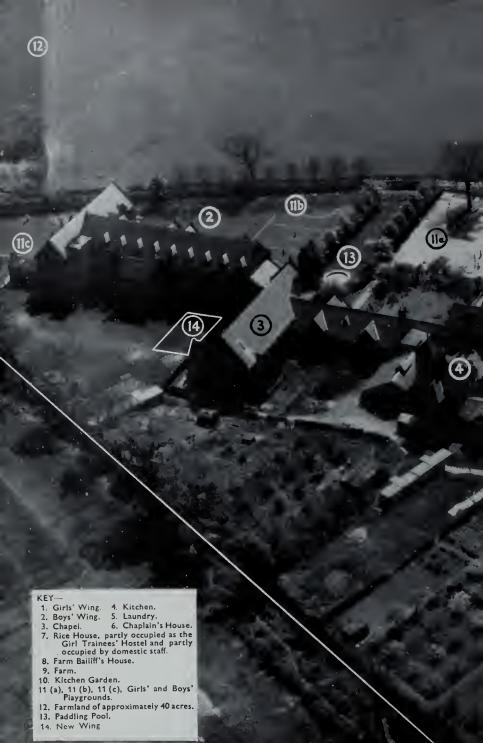
At the Manchester competition David Lenehan was awarded 2nd prize for children under nine years.

Pianoforte Examination. 1962 Royal College of Music.

Grade III Bronagh McCloskey, Credit.

Grade III Monica Oyarzun, Credit.

The Frances Bold Memorial Prizes were awarded to Margaret Ryan, Blind Department and Catherine Carroll, Partially Sighted Department. The Lourdes Centenary Cup for Public Speaking was awarded to Andrew Howell, who spoke on a visit he had made to H.M.S. Victory.





CATHOLIC BLIND INSTITUTE AND ST. VINCENT'S SCHOOL

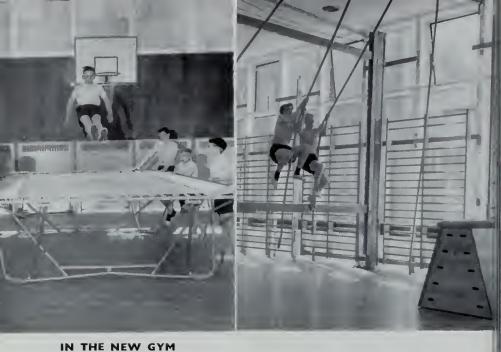
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Both blind and partially sighted children have facilities in the new Gym for using equipment suitable to their various types of handicap.



The more static equipment gives exercise facilities for the totally blind who also enjoy rollerskating and combined movements with the partially - sighted. Nearly all, as these photographs show, are able fearlessly to use the normal equipment in use in sighted schools.





School leavers

In view of the interest taken in what happens to our pupils after their school years are over, we set out below a list of those who have left during the year and the occupations to which they have gone.

Kathleen Ahern, to be assistant in Boots Cash Chemist at home.

Catherine Carroll, to be assistant in a sweet shop.

Joan Hitter, waiting to be trained as a telephonist, and in the meantime working in a factory at home.

Andrew Howell, to the Royal Normal College for the Blind for further training.

Edward Williams, working in the Maintenance Workshop of Reads Ltd. He is probably the first blind person to be accepted into the maintenance workshop of a factory. He is learning how to use files, drilling, tapping and measuring equipment correctly. Mr. Wilson who looks after other blind employees at Reads and who incidentally is blind himself is teaching Edward the use of a Braille Micrometer. This amazing instrument enables a blind person to measure work with the same precision and accuracy as a sighted person.

Carl Collins, training to be a Sales Representative.

Margaret Ryan, keeping stock records in a London Office.

Peter, Beasley, to training for light engineering at the Queen Alexandra's Technical College, Birmingham.



Roller skating, whether out of doors or on the new gym on special plastic skates teaches mobility and self-reliance Nicholas Cornell, to working in his father's Photographic Processing firm.

Frances Gildea who left in July, 1960 and who stayed at home for a time, is now working as a telephonist in a Publishing Firm.

Visitors

During the year we have been very happy to welcome the following visitors to school:—,

29 Students from Liverpool University. All qualified teachers taking the extra years course for the Diploma for Teachers of Handicapped children.

The Governor and Chaplain of Walton Goal.

Reverend Father Cahalan, C. M., Director of the Sisters of Charity.

Dr. J. Corrigan, Medical Officer of Health for Derby, and Miss Smith, Welfare Officer.

Students from Sheffield School and Wavertree School for the Blind.

Mr. Watkins, newly appointed Head of the School for the Blind in Sydney, Australia spent three days at the school.

Doctor Gelvis (Blind—Doctor of Law), from Venezuela. Doctor Gelvis had been in England for three years as a guest of the British Council for Overseas Visitors. He had visited the various school and training centres for the Blind and was returning to Venezuela in May where he hoped to start Welfare Services for the Blind.

Mr. J. Callinan, Inspector of Schools in Ireland.

Doctor P. Henderson and Doctor Guy from the Ministry of Education.

Students from Birmingham University. Qualified teachers who are taking their Diploma for Teachers of the Blind.



A group of young things in the farmyard getting to know each other.

Thanks

We offer our grateful thanks on behalf of the children to all those kindly people who have sent them gifts in kind. We feel a special reference must be made to the personnel of the Stamping Dept. of the Liverpool G.P.O. who have collected for and presented 4 Perkins Braille Writers to the School. The machines, only obtainable in the U.S.A., are a great improvement on the older type, and it is our ambition to equip the whole of the blind dept. with them. From the same benefactors came Easter eggs and chocolates. To Mr. Tuson and his friends in London, also thanks for another Braille Writer. We must also mention Mr. J. B. Ellis for his Christmas gift, the Blackmoor Drive and Newsham Park Institutes and Bedford Social Club for their Christmas parties, the Blue Bell Inn for a Christmas tree, and Woolworths', West Derby Road Branch, for the giant Easter Egg. To the Post Office Building Section and Mr. Hunt and his friends, thank you for your gifts, and particularly the budgerigar, a welcome addition to the School pets. As usual the outing organised by Mr. Evans at New Brighton was a great success.

IV. OLD PUPILS

Weddings

Kathleen Sandford came to the school in 1949, and after completing her education remained on the staff. In January of this year she was married from the school and the Committee were happy to be able to provide her wedding reception through the generosity of our benefactors. On this page you will see a photograph taken on her wedding day as also of two other former partially sighted pupils who have recently been married.



Kathleen Sandford on her wedding day.



Pauline Moynihan and her husband.

Sheila Brennan who was married at Manchester in 1961.

Old Pupils Association

The usual two large reunions were held again at the Institute and School respectively. These, together with the Bulletin which is now circulated to some 75 old pupils, helps them to keep in touch with the School and each other. Owing to the number required, and the fact that it has to be in braille, a braille duplicator has been procured which greatly facilitates the work of the association Committee.



Rosemary Butterworth, who left in 1950, is a fully qualified blind physiotherapist at Black Notley Hospital, Braintree, Essex. Here she is shown with one of her

patients.

LEGACIES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

May we again ask you when making your Will not to forget a Legacy for the Blind, however small. Legacies are doubly welcome because they help us to meet the capital expenditure on our buildings, which is a very heavy charge upon our resources. We are not nationalised.

The Committee would also like to draw your attention to the advantages gained by the Institute from Deeds of Covenant entered into by the subscribers. As a result of these, the Income Tax which is borne by the subscriber can be reclaimed by the Committee and helps to swell the funds. A further number of our donors have entered into Covenants during the past year.

These Deeds of Covenant have to be for not less than seven years, and a form will be sent on application to:-

THE APPEALS SECRETARY,
THE CATHOLIC BLIND INSTITUTE,
59 BRUNSWICK ROAD, LIVERPOOL, 6,

ADULT RESIDENTS AND TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT

Women	Authority	Women	Authority
Miss C. Banner	Liverpool	Miss M. Thompson	Liverpool
Miss E. Boardman	St. Helens	Mrs. A. Tully	St. Helens
Miss E. Boddy	Middlesbrough	Miss E. Watrous	London C.C.
Miss H. Brown	St. Helens	Miss D. White	Liverpool
Miss L. Byrne	D1.1 1 1	Miss I. Whittaker	Burnley
Miss I. Carpenter			
Miss L. Charters			
Miss 1. Clean		Men	Authority
Miss E. Coil		Mr. B. Bartles	Manchester
Miss S. K. Confon .		Mr. J. Bates	Liverpool
Miss P. Connaughton .		Mr. A. Carr	Manchester
Miss C. Currell		Mr J. Dolan	Liverpool
Miss C. Crilly	61 1 1	Mr. J. G. Dwyer	Liverpool
Mrs. M. Dempster .		Mr. T. Evans	Liverpool
Miss E. Fov		Mr. J. Fergus	Liverpool
Mrs. E. Garner		Mr. R. Frodsham.	Lancashire C.C.
Miss C. Geraghty		Mr. J. Mullin	Liverpool
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Miss A. Hickey	a. a	Mr. W. Pilkington	St. Helens
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Miss M. Hutchinson .		Mr. M. J. Smith	St. Helens
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Miss M. McCoy		Mr. L. W. Wilkinson	Lincoln
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Miss L. McGuire			
Miss M. McKeown .			
Miss A. McLoughlin .		Resident Workers	
Miss M. Mills		Mr. D. Holland	
Mrs. J. Mullin		Mr. C. McSharry	
Miss M. Murphy			
Miss M. Murther			
Miss E. Nelson		Trainee Girls	Authority
Miss A. O'Neill		Miss M. Cragg	Liverpool
Miss M. Norgate	. Southport	Miss E. Large	Liverpool
Miss R. A. O'Donnell .	. St. Helens	Miss E. Roche	Liverpool
Miss A. O'Rourke .		Miss M. Thompson	Liverpool
Miss M. Ryan			
Miss C. Rylannd			
Miss D. Shaddick	. Exeter	Trainee Boy	Authority
Miss M. M. Sharpe .	Chester	Mr. G. McWilliams	Birkenhead
Miss M. Smith	. Liverpool		
Miss I. Snowdon	Durham		

GIRLS IN ST. VINCENT'S SCHOOL, WEST DERBY

BOYS IN ST. VINCENT'S SCHOOL, WEST DERBY

Date of Birti	h Authority	Date of Birth	a Authority
Arnold, J 27/11/1949	Lanes. C.C.	Highton, T., 1 2 1955	
Arnold, J 27 12, 1959	Lanes, C.C.	Hitter, E 29/8/1947	Lowestoft
Aspin, J 2 5 1951	Lanes. C.C.	Holden, D 20 2 1947	Blackburn
Barff, P 31/7/1948	Hartlepools	Hoyle, K 8 7 1954	Lanes, C.C.
Brady, C 24/2/1951	Middlesex	Kane, P. J 24/4/1948	
Brady, T 24/2/1951	Middlesex	Lawson, J 20 5 1956	Omagh
Brennan, J. M. 29/11/1946	Armagh	Leech, H 19.5/1952	Lancs, C.C.
Brown, J 14 10 42	Birkenhead	Lenehan, D. 27/11/1954	Bedford
Brown, P 25/3/1947	Birkenhead	Liversidge, P. 19/4/1952	Bradford
Cannon, R 30/6/1949	Bootle		Stockton-on-Tees
Capaldi, P 22/8/1952	Surrey	McAlinden, J.N. 5/12/1942	Armagh
Carey, K. F. 11/11/1951		McGinnity, D. 21/1/1949	Middlesey
Carroll . D 21/1/1947	Wakefield	Moran, J 22/9/1947 Morris, P 7/11/1954	Liverpool
Chaffey, B 14 5.1957	Armagh	Morris, P //11/1954	Cheshire
	West Hartlepool	Murphy, L 16/12/1950	Bolton
Cooper, J 25/1/1948	Lancs C.C.	O'Connor, J. 25/11/1953	Private
Cornell, N 14/5/1946	Hertford	Paton, J 12/9/1950	Wilts.
Cosgrove, F. 1/2/1956	Lancashire C.C.	Peers, C 20 8 1954	Lanes, C.C.
Croker, F 17,7/1952	Lancashire C.C.	Pocius, J 31/12/1948	Manchester
Cunning, J 13/8/1952	Londonderry	Pickup, T 21 11 1954	Birmingham
Degnan, M 28/1/1953	Cheshire	Proctor, A 26,10 1953	Leeds
Degnan, S 4/2/1954	Cheshire	Proctor, S 14 10 1951	Leeds
Dempsey, S. 17/6/1951	Wakefield	Reynolds, D. 11/11/1952	Sunderland
Doyle, D 28/7/1949	Birkenhead	Reynolds, L. 24 10 1953	Northampton
Drain, D. P. 12/10/1947	Birmingham	Ryan, M 28 1 1951	Lancs. C.C.
Elwell, P 10/6/1950	Shrewsbury	Salt, W 16/7/1947	Stockport
Feeley, R 23/9/1950	Middlesev	Saunders, F. 11/9/1952	Private
Fitzpairick, R. 4 3/1948	Belfast, Co. Down	Senior, J. 12/8/1952	Bootle
Fuller, M 2/4/1950	Liverpool	Shackleton, G. 9, 10, 1949	Northallerton
Garbutt, J 4/8/1953	Durham	Shaw, D 21/11/1950	Lanes, C.C.
Glassey, T 8/9/1953	Isle of Man	Sherlock, C. 27 10 1951	Wallasey
Green, P 17/5/1948	Stoke-on-Trent	Sherlock, V. 31/3/1947	Wallasey
Gregg, P 6/2/1949	Lanes. C.C.	Smith. J 23 1 1953	Flint
Harbron, C. 13/10/1953	Durham	Southern, J 18/12/1947	Liverpool
Hardacre, D. 5 11 1951	Lanes. C.C.	Synnott, R 28 12 1955	Anglesey
Harkin, J 15/11/1949	Londonderry	Theobald, N. 27/2/1951	Lancs, C.C.
Harkin, T 3/11/1948	Londonderry	Underwood, J. 30 5 1952	Nottingam
Harrison, P. 28 4 1951	Bolton	Winterbottom, P. 2'9'1951	Liverpool
Hart, T 5,4,1951	Liverpool		

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1.—This Institution is under the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph, and is ealled the "CATHOLIC BLIND INSTITUTE AND SCHOOL," its objects being to afford to the Catholie Blind an elementary education and instruction in those branches of industry which shall be found suitable to each inmate's capacity, and to bring them up in the principles of their religion.

The income and property of the Institute whencesoever derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Institute according to the Constitution, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to members of the Institute or any one of them. Provided that nothing herein shall prevent the payment in good faith of reasonable remuneration to any member of the Institute in return for services actually rendered to the Institute.

II.—The property of the Institution shall be vested in Trustees, and the formation of the Rules and the Government of the Institution shall be confined to a Committee, consisting of a President, Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, and not more than twelve or less than six others, two at least of whom shall be elergy, to be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Subscribers.

III.—All Subscribers of 10s. and upwards shall be entitled to a vote at the Annual Meeting.

IV.—A meeting of the Subscribers shall be held once a year to consider the Report and Accounts of the previous year, and to appoint the Officers, but the Committee shall have power to fill up all casual vacancies.

V.—The Committee shall hold Monthly Meetings to transact the ordinary business of the Institution, and the Chairman shall be empowered to call Special Meetings as often as he may deem it necessary.

VI.—All applications for admission shall be laid before the Committee, who shall admit or reject such applicants at their discretion.

VII.—Applicants must produce a testimonial of good moral character, as also a certificate of health, signed by a medical gentleman, and a certificate of baptism.

VIII.—Every applicant must have a sufficient guarantee or the payment of the pension required, and must be provided with a sufficient stock of clothing according to the Regulations of the Committee, unless the Committee shall make a special exemption in any particular case, either as to pension or clothes.

N.B.—Applicants subject to fits are not admissible.

IX.—When an inmate is about to leave the Institute or School, the said inmate shall be removed by his or her friends, at their expense, on receiving notice from the Secretary.

X.—The inmates shall be required, under penalty of dismissal by the Committee, to obey the Rules and Regulations of the Institution.







The only Catholic Blind & School in Eng land & Males Think of us and our pupils, young and old, and thank God in a practical way for the blessing of sight.